imports of crude oil this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the actual quantity of crude oil imported during the last three years and the average prices paid and the names of major countries of origin;

(d) whether the Government have urged upon the bulk consumers and other Government organisations the need for restraint in consumption of petroleum and related products and tried to create an awareness of conservation; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). At present Government have approved the import of 20.3 MMT crude oil for 1991-92.

(c) Year	Quantity in million tonnes	Average price Rs./MT
1988-89	17.815	1606
1989-90	19.490	2098
1990-91	20.699	2956

Term purchases of crude oil were from USSR, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Malaysia, UAE, Iraq, Kuwait etc.

(d) and (e). Efforts are being made to create awareness about conservation of petroleum products through publicity campaigns, promotion of fuel efficient devices, energy audits etc.

Import of Steel

1278. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of steel imported in different categories during 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(b) the quantity of Steel proposed to be imported in major categories, and approximate value in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Requisite information is given in statement below.

(b) Actual quantity of imports of steel and their value for the period April to September, 1991 is as follows:

Qty '000 tonnes
Value Rs. in crores

*Import of Steel (April-September, 1991)**

	Production Description	Qty.	Value
I.	Ingots & Other primary forms of iron & steel	26.8	20.11
II.	Iron & Steel bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections	25.3	49.16
III.	Plates & Sheets & Other flat products of iron & steel	463.7	525.92
IV.	Rails & Railway track construction materials	69.3	110.93

* Source: DCI&S, Calcutta (Imports through major ports)

STATEMENT

Value : Rs. in crores

Qty. : '000 tonnes

Sl. No	Production Description	1986-87*		1987-88*		1988-89*		1989-90@		1990-91@	
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
I.	Ingots & other primary forms of iron & steel	606	193.33	188	89.67	39	27.8	9.5	10.2	27.1	18.07
II.	Iron & steel bars, rods, angles, shapes & sections (including sheet piling)	283	126.25	124	87.74	103	106.8	72.0	112.0	67.5	111.67
III.	Plates, sheets & other flat products of iron & steel	1224	616.17	1156	689.61	1372	1300.1	1255.6	13432.9	1147.9	1205.49
IV.	Rails & Railway track construction materials of iron & steel	33	21.50	220	125.72	174	107.1	132.8	107.40	38.5	64.56
V	Iron & steel wire (exdluding wire rods) whether or not coated, but not insulted	35	17.80	6	24.71	5	19.9	N/A		N/A	

Source:* DGCI&S, Calcutta

@ DCI&S, Calcutta (Imports through major ports)

N/A Not Available